

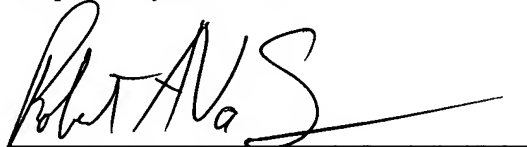
**REMARKS**

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted with the Reissue Application enclosed herewith. The Reissue Application is for reissue of US Patent No.: 6,394,193.

By this Preliminary Amendment, independent claim 17 has been broadened, and claims 1-17 remain pending. Full support for the amendments to claim 17 is found in the specification of US Patent No.: 6,394,193. For example, specific support is found in Figures 2A-2D and the description in column 6, lines 34-67; column 7, lines 1-45; and column 8, line 41 through column 11, line 41. No new matter has been added.

The pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner believes certain amendments are necessary to clarify the present claims or if the Examiner wishes to resolve other issues by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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